

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :  
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Knuuttila et al. : Attorney Docket: 43289-212868  
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Application No.: U.S. National Phase of : Art Unit: to be assigned  
PCT/FI2003/000569 : :  
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Title: A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE PROPERTIES OF A SURFACE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: